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TAGS OCLR TPHY FP  
SUBJECT: PORT CALL R/V MELVILLE  
REF: MFA MEMO OF MAY 31, 1972

1. R/V MELVILLE (OWNED US NAVY, OPERATED BY SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY) NOW IN SOUTH PACIFIC ON CURRENT PHASE OF INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF OCEAN EXPLORATION (IDOE) SPONSORED GEOCHEMICAL OCEAN SECTIONS (GEOSECS) PROJECT. VESSEL DESIRES CALL PAPEETE, TAHITI AFTER PRESENT WORK NEW ZEALAND AREA AND BEFORE CROSSING TO PERU. R/V MELVILLE TO CALL ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5-9, NO RPT NO WORK IN TERRITORIAL WATERS.

2. CONCERNED WITH FUEL PROBLEMS, SCRIPPS WROTE DR. ROGER CHESSELET OF CENTRE DES FAIBLES RADIOACTIVITIES DE C.N.R.S. TO REQUEST HELP. THEIR LETTER WAS ANSWERED BY DR. CLAUDE LALOU OF SAME ORGANIZATION STATING REQUEST FOR MELVILLE'S PORT ENTRY SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY STATEMENT OF VESSEL'S FUEL NEEDS (70,000) GALLONS OF LIGHT MARINE DIESEL). HE SUGGESTED A COPY OF REQUEST BE SENT TO: MONSIEUR DE SAINT MAUR OF RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES, CNEXO, 39 AVE D'ENNA,  
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PARIS 16, TO GIVE MORE WEIGHT TO REQUEST. HE SAID WOULD

REMIND MFA OF US-FRENCH COOPERATION IN OCEANOGRAPHY.

3. ACTION: REFERENCED MEMO STATES GOVERNMENT OWNED RESEARCH VESSELS SHOULD APPLY FOR PERMISSION TO ENTER PORTS WITH 25 DAY LEAD TIME GIVING CERTAIN INFORMATION. HOWEVER NORMAL CALLS OF PRIVATE RESEARCH VESSELS SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR PERMISSION. R/V MELVILLE, ALTHO NOMINALLY USG OWNED, IS BASICALLY OPERATED AS PRIVATE VESSEL BY

SCRIPPS. THEY HAVE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF SHIP, AND IT IS MANNED BY THEIR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES. RATHER THAN TRYING TO DETERMINE VESSELS ACTUAL STATUS, PREFER POST GO TO MFA WITH FOLLOWING INFO SIMPLY ASKING MELVILLE'S PORT CALL AND FUEL REQUEST BE FACILITATED: VESSEL TYPE - OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH; NAME - R/V MELVILLE; FLAG - US; DESCRIPTION - GROSS TONS 1806, NET TONS 523, DISPLACEMENT 1915 TONS, LENGTH 245 FT, BEAM - 46 FT, DRAFT 15 FT, SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT CARRIED IS GENERAL OCEANOGRAPHIC; OWNER/OPERATOR - US NAVY/SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; PORT OF CALL - PAPEETE, TAHITI; PURPOSE - ROUTINE FOR FUELING, REPROVISIONING AND PERSONNEL TRANSFER; LOCAL AGENT - ESTABLISSEMENTS DONALD TAHITI; CALL DATES - ARRIVE APRIL 5, DEPART APRIL 9; MASTER - ALLAN W. PHINNEY; CHIEF SCIENTIST - DR. HARMON CRAIG (ARRIVING LEG) AND DR. PETER BREWER (DEPARTING LEG); NUMBER IN CREW - 25; NUMBER OF SCIENTIFIC PARTY - 25; FACILITIES REQUESTED OF LOCAL NAVY AUTHORITIES - NONE, EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY, UNLESS THEY CAN ASSIST IN OBTAINING FUEL; RADIO FREQUENCY CLEARANCES REQUESTED - 17,105 KHZ AND/OR 12,871 KHZ (MAXIMUM 400 WATTS, TYPE OF TRANSMISSION - A1) KISSINGER

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